Dear Santa,

We are from Waveland and our home was at:

[redacted] Marcus Dr.

We are now living at:

Address: [redacted] Marcus Dr. IN A FEMA trailer

City Waveland State MS Zipcode 39576

Phone No. [redacted]

Our family consists of:

My husband and me. We retired last year and moved to Waveland to be near our daughter, Son-in-law and my grandson who is 7

Our Katrina experience was:

We evacuated to Natchez, Ms on Aug. 28 and camped there about 6 weeks. It was tough getting back & forth from Waveland because of the 400 mile roundtrip, shortage of gas and the heat. We finally decided to return to Waveland even without the water, sewage or electricity simply because we

Write something special that you would like Santa to bring you or your family:

We are limited by space so it's difficult to ask for much. However, I really miss my music. ~~Pet~~ Perhaps we could use a small boom box with a CD player and some CD's - I love classical music, oldies and country music. We could use a gift certificate as well.

Please use back or another sheet of paper, if you want to write more. We want to hear your story.

Return by November 30th to:

Mayor's Office, City of Waveland, P. O. Box 539, Waveland, MS 39576

ran out of money and we couldn't get anything done on our property being so far away. Thank God for the many volunteers who handed out water, food and good wishes during those first trying times. The first week we were home we had to drive 70 miles one way just to wash clothes. I had my sister from Memphis bring me a wash board and washed my clothes in two buckets after that! Some good Samaritans drove by and donated an old washing machine which we hooked up to our generator and I thought it was the greatest gift they could have given me! I have a clothes line and life is good! About a week before Thanksgiving we finally got electricity and that was wonderful! I'm now hoping for water. We lost our home, car and two boats. We retired last year and moved to Waveland to be near our daughter's family. We loved the quaint town and of course the fishing! My greatest fear is that the town will die because so few people have come home. There are only 3 families living on our street. Due to insurance difficulties, we don't know what our future will be. The worst part is not knowing what is going to happen, how much money we will have, if we can rebuild and what the zoning will be. We had flood insurance, but that won't cover our mortgage, much less help rebuild. State Farm has denied our claim. Thank God, we still have our family together, even though my daughter and son-in-law lost their business as well as their home. We certainly didn't envision our retirement quite like this! We have so much to be thankful for, but sometimes it's hard to be strong. We find ourselves hugging each other more often and telling each other how much we love each other. If I've learned anything during these last 3 months, it's how to wait in line, patience and humility.

Thanks for caring about us -

Sincerely,
Mike & Glenda [redacted]